persistently displaying first data corresponding to the first request in an information browser, wherein persistence comprises continuing to display said first data after the information browser is directed to display new data; and

displaying second data corresponding to the second request in the single information browser.

2. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing a persistency control with the information browser, said persistency control configured to selectively prevent attempts to replace data flagged as persistent within the information browser; and

flagging said first data as persistent.

3. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving a third request identifying third resources, said third request configured to replace said first data displayed in the information browser; and

displaying third data corresponding to the third request concurrently with said persistent displaying of said first data.

4. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein said third request is generated through navigation controls of the information browser.

5. (New) The method of claim 3, further comprising:

wherein said first, second, and third requests are requests for three different web pages, said first request and second request occurring before said third request, so that said first data and said second data are displayed within the information browser; and

wherein receiving said third request causes replacement of said second data with said third data, so that said first data and said third data are displayed within the information browser.

6. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the first request comprises receiving a request for a first web page, and wherein receiving the second request comprises receiving a request for a second web page.

7. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the information browser is disposed within a computing device having local resources different from remote resources, the method further comprising:

the first request being a request for a local resource of the computing device; and

the second request being a request for a remote resource.

8. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing a user interface for the information browser; and

partitioning the user interface into a persistent portion for displaying persistent data comprising said first data, and a non-persistent portion for displaying data replaceable during navigation of the information browser.

9. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing a user interface for the information browser, said user interface comprising a first interface control, which when activated, generates said first request.

10. (New) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

wherein the first interface control is configured to direct the information browser to persistently display a selected one of: a browser history, a search utility, and a browser configuration utility.

11. (New) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

providing a user interface for the information browser, said user interface comprising a second interface control, which when activated, generates said second request.

12. (New) The method of claim 11,

wherein the second interface control is configured to direct the information browser to navigate to a particular network address and non-persistently display data corresponding thereto.

13. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the second interface control is a selected one of: a forward button, and a backward button.

14. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein selection of said second interface control directs the information browser to execute programming instructions.

15. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein selection of said first interface control directs the information browser to execute programming instructions.

16. (New) An apparatus comprising a readable medium having instructions encoded thereon for execution by a processor, said instructions capable of directing the processor to perform:

receiving a first request identifying first resources on a first host system;

receiving a second request identifying second resources on a second host system;

persistently displaying first data corresponding to the first request in an information browser, wherein persistence comprises continuing to display said first data after the information browser is directed to display new data; and

displaying second data corresponding to the second request in the single information browser.

17. (New) The apparatus of claim 16, said instructions including further instructions capable of directing the processor to perform:

providing a persistency control with the information browser, said persistency control configured to selectively prevent attempts to replace data flagged as persistent within the information browser; and

flagging said first data as persistent.

18. (New) The apparatus of claim 16, said instructions including further instructions capable of directing the processor to perform:

receiving a third request identifying third resources, said third request configured to replace said first data displayed in the information browser; and

displaying third data corresponding to the third request concurrently with said persistent displaying of said first data.

19. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein said third request is generated through navigation controls of the information browser.

20. (New) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said instructions for receiving the first request comprises instructions for receiving a request for a first web page, and wherein said instructions for receiving the second request comprises instructions for receiving a request for a second web page.

21. (New) The apparatus of claim 16, said instructions including further instructions capable of directing the processor to perform:

providing a user interface for the information browser; and

partitioning the user interface into a persistent portion for displaying persistent data comprising said first data, and a non-persistent portion for displaying data replaceable during navigation of the information browser.

22. (New) The apparatus of claim 16, said instructions including further instructions capable of directing the processor to perform:

providing a user interface for the information browser, said user interface comprising a first interface control, which when activated, generates said first request.

23. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, said instructions including further instructions capable of directing the processor to perform:

configuring the first interface control to direct the information browser to persistently display a selected one of: a browser history, a search utility, and a browser configuration utility.

24. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, said instructions including further instructions capable of directing the processor to perform:

providing a user interface for the information browser comprising a second interface control, which when activated, generates said second request.

25. (New) The apparatus of claim 24, said instructions including further instructions capable of directing the processor to:

configure the second interface control to direct the information browser to navigate to a particular network address and non-persistently display data corresponding thereto.

26. (New) The apparatus of claim 16, said instructions including further instructions capable of directing the processor to:

associate programming instructions with the second interface control; and

execute said programming instructions on selection of said second interface control.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, said instructions including further instructions capable of directing the processor to perform:

associate programming instructions with the first interface control; and

execute said programming instructions on selection of said first interface control.

## REMARKS

A divisional application has been filed for parent patent application no. 08/859,055. All claims have been cancelled and new claims 1-27 added.

The parent application has been allowed.